

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, John Dutton was born in Rapid City, South Dakota, and attended Rapid City Cathedral High School and graduated from Rapid City Central High School in 1969. He led the Cobblers to the State Class A basketball title, earned all-state honors, was named High School All-American in both basketball and football, and was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame; and,

Whereas, John played for Coaches Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne from 1971 to 1974 at the University of Nebraska, where he earned both All-Big 8 and All American honors. He was a member of the 1971 Nebraska National Championship football team, and in 1981 was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame; and,

Whereas, John was selected by the Baltimore Colts as the 5th selection of the first round of the 1974 NFL Draft. He played five years in Baltimore and was named to the NFL All-Rookie team, earning three straight Pro Bowl appearances from 1975-1977. He later starred for the Dallas Cowboys for nine seasons, helping the Cowboys reach the NFC title game in 1980, 1981, and 1982; and,

Whereas, John retired from professional football in 1987 after 14 seasons and 185 games in the NFL and became a successful businessman. He owned and operated Dutton's Den in Lincoln, Nebraska, and now operates Hightech Signs in Dallas, Texas; and,

Whereas, John's family and charitable contributions exceed his impressive professional achievements. His wife Ginny of 37 years, sons Mason and Bridger, daughter Hayden, daughter-in-law Laura, and grandson Kampton have been sources of mutual love and support over the years. His many charities include Habitat for Humanity, NFL Alumni "Caring for Kids", the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Program, and the Catholic Church; and,

Whereas, John was chosen and has graciously accepted to be the first Grand Marshall of the inaugural South Dakota's Largest Tailgate Party, whose entire proceeds support the American Cancer Society:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2012, as

JOHN DUTTON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State